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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: RANDAL K. BUDDINGTON, ET AL. GAU:

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SERIAL NO: 09/671,106

EXAMINER: EVANS, C.

FILING DATE: SEPTEMBER 28, 2000

FOR: INHIBITION OF SYSTEMIC INFECTIONS IN HUMANS AND
VERTEBRATES BY DIETARY FIBERS

AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2 and 3.

Please amend Claims 1 and 4-8 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a composition for prevention, inhibition and/or treatment of systemic infections in humans and vertebrates caused by pathogenic bacteria, comprising combining a dietary fiber or a mixture of dietary fibers with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients, optionally in the presence of one or more physiologically active substances, to form the composition, wherein the composition is in conventional galenic form suitable for oral or rectal administration or for tube feeding.